

Flathead County Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

<i>School Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5 to 9	4,543	2,224	23	8	60	31	41	24	129	66	118	67
10 to 14	5,453	2,706	20	9	87	45	41	18	128	65	120	62
15 to 19	5,621	2,704	16	6	79	37	30	16	123	60	123	66
20 to 24	5,160	2,547	28	11	71	32	34	14	85	42	123	51
Total	20,777	10,181	87	34	297	145	146	72	465	233	484	246

<i>Working Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
15+	62,313	31,545	139	59	734	365	361	215	754	395	952	481
15-64	51,986	25,898	133	55	674	329	321	187	689	355	887	449
20+	56,692	28,841	123	53	655	328	331	199	631	335	829	415
20-64	46,365	23,194	117	49	595	292	291	171	566	295	764	383

<i>Other Age Group</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0 to 4	4,414	2,174	14	3	80	40	34	25	117	56	116	51
5 to 19	15,617	7,634	59	23	226	113	112	58	380	191	361	195
20 to 44	24,301	12,208	89	38	347	171	171	89	346	176	538	270
45 to 64	22,064	10,986	28	11	248	121	120	82	220	119	226	113
65+	10,327	5,647	6	4	60	36	40	28	65	40	65	32
Total	76,723	38,649	196	79	961	481	477	282	1,128	582	1,306	661

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.

Top 20 Private Employers in Flathead County Listed in Alphabetical Order

Brendan House Skilled Nursing	Immanuel Lutheran Home	Schellinger Construction
Century Tel	Kalispell Regional Medical Center	Semitool Inc.
Columbia Falls Aluminum	L C Staffing Service	Smith's Food & Drug
Daily Inter Lake	National Flood Services	Super 1 Foods
Flathead Electric	North Valley Hospital	Wal-Mart
Glacier Bank	Plum Creek Timber Co.	Workplace Inc.
Home Depot	Rocky Mountain Contractors	

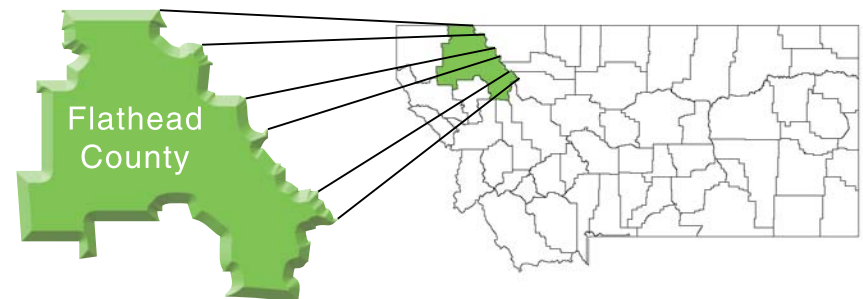
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau
Third Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state, and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

MONTANA Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Market Information

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For Flathead County



Cities and Towns in Flathead County

Apgar ▣ Bigfork ▣ Columbia Falls ▣ Coram
Creston ▣ Essex ▣ Hungry Horse ▣ Kalispell ▣ Kila
Lake McDonald ▣ Lakeside ▣ Marion ▣ Martin City
Olney ▣ Polebridge ▣ Somers ▣ West Glacier ▣ Whitefish



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Located in northwestern Montana, Flathead County is Montana's third most populous with 81,217 residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2004 estimates. Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city with a population of 16,391, according to the 2003 estimates.

Kalispell is the trade center of northwest Montana and renowned for its Flathead cherries and Christmas tree farms. It's also a gateway to Glacier National Park and located between the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana's largest, and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

The 2003 Employment by Industry table (inside) shows that the government, private health care, manufacturing, and retail trade sectors are important to the area economy. Overall, Flathead County's economy is balanced between all sectors with no sector providing the most significant employment and wages, compared to other largely populated areas like Helena, with state government being the most significant employer, Great Falls with Malmstrom Air Force Base, and Missoula and Bozeman with the major universities.

The county has a strong tourism draw, mainly because of Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake, the largest natural, freshwater lake in the western United States. However, the area employment is not heavily dependent on these tourism draws. For more information on tourism's impact on Montana's economy, go to the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research website at: <http://www.itrr.umt.edu/>.

Agriculture is also important to the area's economy. Flathead County is fourth in Montana for the largest number of total farms and ranches: 1,075 (see inside table). According to the 2002 Census of Agriculture, Flathead County is number one in Montana in value of sales of nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod products, and number two in sales for cut Christmas trees and short rotation, woody crops.

Manufacturing shows strong employment with 10 percent of the total private employment, compared to six percent statewide. About half of the manufacturing jobs are in wood products. Government employment is not as significant in Flathead County as it is statewide. Only about 13 percent of the workforce is in government employment, compared to 20 percent statewide.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Flathead County households in 2002 was \$36,159, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income is the average per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is total income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

Flathead County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004 Estimate	7/1/2003 Estimate	7/1/2002 Estimate	4/1/2000 Census	4/1/1990 Census	Percent Change 2003-2004	Percent Change 2002-2003	Percent Change 2000-2004	Percent Change 2000-2003	Percent Change 1990-2000
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%
Flathead County	81,217	79,485	77,441	74,471	59,218	2.2%	2.6%	9.1%	6.7%	25.8%
Columbia Falls	NA	3,963	3,837	3,645	3,098	NA	3.3%	NA	8.7%	17.7%
Kalispell	NA	16,391	15,576	14,223	11,917	NA	5.2%	NA	15.2%	19.4%
Whitefish	NA	5,784	5,517	5,032	4,368	NA	4.8%	NA	14.9%	15.2%

Flathead County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Flathead County	County of Work	# Who Live in Flathead County
Out of State	146	Out of State	489
Cascade County	15	Cascade County	7
Deer Lodge County	8	Deer Lodge County	5
Flathead County	32,956	Flathead County	32,956
Gallatin County	18	Glacier County	16
Hill County	16	Lake County	160
Lake County	899	Lewis & Clark County	70
Lewis & Clark County	25	Lincoln County	85
Lincoln County	159	Missoula County	135
Missoula County	73	Park County	17
Ravalli County	28	Powell County	9
Roosevelt County	4	Sanders County	24
Sanders County	13	Toole County	30
Other Montana Counties	13	Valley County	6
		Yellowstone County	19
		Other Montana Counties	17

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Person 16 Years and Older-Flathead County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	34,680	18,896	15,784
Management, professional, and related occupations:	9,777	4,701	5,076
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	3,747	2,180	1,567
Management, except farmers and farm managers	2,398	1,408	990
Farmers and farm managers	338	287	51
Business and financial operations occupations:	1,011	485	526
Professional and related occupations:	6,030	2,521	3,509
Education, training, and library occupations	1,801	500	1,301
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	1,517	376	1,141
Service occupations:	5,452	1,895	3,557
Protective service occupations:	366	322	44
Food preparation and serving related occupations	2,105	796	1,309
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	1,180	542	638
Personal care and service occupations	1,085	178	907
Sales and office occupations:	9,031	2,987	6,044
Sales and related occupations	4,477	2,314	2,163
Office and administrative support occupations	4,554	673	3,881
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	658	524	134
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:	4,440	4,317	123
Construction and extraction occupations:	2,787	2,690	97
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	1,653	1,627	26
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	5,322	4,472	850
Production occupations	2,805	2,261	544
Motor vehicle operators	1,153	1,033	120
Material moving workers	1,102	946	156

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, www.census.gov/eo 2001.



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Be sure to check our location quotients for Flathead County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Flathead County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient greater than 1 generally indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Flathead County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Flathead County than in the nation as a whole.

Flathead County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	1,075
Oilseed & Grain Farming	79
Vegetable & Melon Farming	15
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	25
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	57
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	341
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	186
Cattle Feedlots	25
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	7
Hog & Pig Farming	10
Poultry & Egg Production	21
Sheep & Goat Farming	14
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	295

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Resources

Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at: <http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

Chambers of Commerce:

Bigfork Chamber, P. O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5888, <http://www.bigfork.org>
Columbia Falls Chamber, P. O. Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2072, <http://www.columbiafallschamber.com>
Kalispell Chamber, 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-2800, <http://www.kalispellchamber.com>
Lakeside-Somers Chamber, P. O. Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922, 406-844-3715, <http://www.lakesidesomers.org>
Whitefish Chamber, 520 E. 2nd St., Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3501, <http://www.whitefishchamber.org>

Department of Labor and Industry:

Flathead Job Service Workforce Center
427 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-6200, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/kalispell/>

Economic Development:

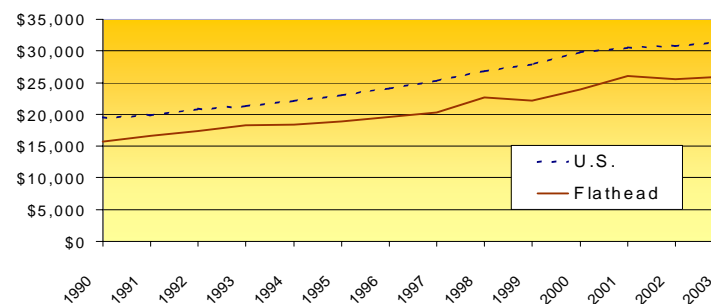
City of Kalispell Community Development Department, P. O. Box 1997, Kalispell, MT 59903, 406-758-7740

Flathead County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2004	41,822	39,338	2,484	5.9%
2003	41,452	38,965	2,487	6.0%
2002	40,818	38,609	2,209	5.4%
2001	40,957	38,642	2,315	5.7%
2000	37,713	35,452	2,261	6.0%

Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

Flathead County Per Capita Personal Income



Year	U.S.	Flathead County	% of National Average	Year	U.S.	Flathead County	% of National Average
2003	\$31,472	\$25,981	83%	1996	\$24,175	\$19,574	81%
2002	\$30,804	\$25,578	83%	1995	\$23,076	\$18,931	82%
2001	\$30,575	\$26,071	85%	1994	\$22,172	\$18,428	83%
2000	\$29,847	\$24,001	80%	1993	\$21,346	\$18,339	86%
1999	\$27,939	\$22,164	79%	1992	\$20,854	\$17,403	83%
1998	\$26,883	\$22,678	84%	1991	\$19,892	\$16,563	83%
1997	\$25,334	\$20,320	80%	1990	\$19,477	\$15,724	81%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.

Newspapers:

Bigfork Eagle, P. O. Box 406, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-5131, <http://www.bigforkeagle.com/>
Hungry Horse News, P. O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-2151, <http://www.hungryhorsenews.com/>
The Daily Inter Lake, 727 E. Idaho St., Kalispell, MT 59904, 406-755-7000, <http://www.dailyinterlake.com/>
Whitefish Pilot, P. O. Box 488, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-3505, <http://www.whitefishpilot.com/>

Public Libraries:

Bigfork Branch Library, 525 Electric Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911-0472, 406-837-6976
Columbia Falls Branch Library, 130 6th St. W. #C, Columbia Falls, MT 59912-3609, 406-892-5919
Flathead County Library, 247 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901-4598, 406-758-5820
Marion Branch Library, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925-1048, 406-854-2333
Whitefish Branch Library, 9 Spokane Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937-2551, 406-862-6657

Postsecondary Education Institution:

Community College
Flathead Valley Community College, 777 Grandview Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-3822, <http://www.fvcc.edu/>

Flathead Job Service Workforce Center Business Consultants, 427 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-6200
 Jobs Now & the Flathead Economic Development Authority, 490 W. Reserve Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-257-7711
 Kalispell Chamber Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-758-2802
 Northwest Business Center, 218 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59904, 406-758-5410
 Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), 2 Main St., Suite 203, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-5271

Housing Costs:

Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®, 110 Cooperative Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
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 Hungry Horse, Kalispell, Kila, Lakeside, Marion, Martin City, Olney, Polebridge, Somers, West Glacier, and Whitefish, go
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Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing
 Kalispell—1325 Highway 2 W., 406-257-2128

Flathead County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bigfork Public Schools, P. O. Box 188, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-7400
 Cayuse Prairie Elementary, 897 Lake Blaine Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-4561
 Columbia Falls Public Schools, P. O. Box 1259, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-6550
 Creston Elementary, 4495 Montana 35, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-2859
 Deer Park Elementary, 2105 Middle Road, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, 406-892-5388
 Evergreen Elementary, 18 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-751-1111
 Fair-Mont-Egan Elementary, 797 Fairmont Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-7072
 Helena Flats Elementary, 1000 Helena Flats Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-257-2301
 Kalispell Public Schools, 233 1st Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-751-3434
 Kila Elementary, P. O. Box 40, Kila, MT 59920, 406-257-2428
 Marion Elementary, 205 Gopher Lane, Marion, MT 59925, 406-854-2333
 Olney-Bissell Elementary, 5955 Farm To Market Road, Whitefish, MT 59937, 406-862-2828
 Pleasant Valley Elementary, 7975 Pleasant Valley Road, Marion, MT 59925, 406-858-2447
 Smith Valley Elementary, 600 Batavia Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-756-4535
 Somers Elementary, P. O. Box 159, Somers, MT 59932, 406-857-3661
 Swan River Elementary, 1205 Swan Highway, Bigfork, MT 59911, 406-837-4528
 West Glacier Elementary, P. O. Box 309, West Glacier, MT 59936, 406-888-5312
 West Valley Elementary, 2290 Farm To Market Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-755-7239

Flathead County Employment by Industry* Annual Averages 2004

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4101	35707	\$974,650,510	TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	130	684	\$19,569,324
TOTAL PRIVATE	3986	31225	\$825,014,607	Air transportation	8	66	\$1,943,610
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	101	382	\$14,626,908	Truck transportation	79	347	\$9,995,543
Crop production	15	84	\$3,564,830	Transit and ground passenger transport	14	41	\$344,693
Animal production	7	23	\$553,043	Scenic and sightseeing transportation	5	19	\$431,822
Forestry and logging	62	250	\$10,045,089	Support activities for transportation	16	87	\$2,463,109
Agriculture & forestry support	17	25	\$463,946	Couriers and messengers	7	99	\$3,538,432
MINING	18	190	\$7,669,239	INFORMATION	76	633	\$21,451,485
Mining, except oil and gas	13	185	\$7,464,095	Publishing industries, except Internet	16	222	\$6,563,306
UTILITIES	9	193	\$9,845,836	Broadcasting, except Internet	5	55	\$1,648,000
CONSTRUCTION	743	3090	\$97,117,055	Telecommunications	26	191	\$8,670,436
Construction of buildings	271	836	\$24,359,662	ISPs, search portals, & data processing	14	108	\$3,746,538
Heavy and civil engineering construction	54	552	\$22,198,186	FINANCE AND INSURANCE	200	1510	\$60,895,356
Specialty trade contractors	417	1702	\$50,559,207	Credit intermediation & related activity	77	907	\$34,968,840
MANUFACTURING	186	3086	\$119,018,081	Securities, comm. contracts, investments	34	68	\$5,472,303
Food manufacturing	14	174	\$4,062,905	Insurance carriers & related activities	88	534	\$20,452,773
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	16	\$199,331	REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	205	663	\$15,555,747
Textile mills	4	12	\$340,942	Real estate	169	394	\$10,920,613
Textile product mills	3	11	\$124,382	PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	358	1143	\$37,428,646
Leather and allied product manufacturing	4	5	\$133,173	MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	11	92	\$4,487,428
Wood product manufacturing	36	1517	\$64,136,377	ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	207	1942	\$38,691,675
Printing and related support activities	17	112	\$2,306,681	Administrative and support services	196	1873	\$36,993,813
Chemical manufacturing	5	38	\$840,050	Waste management and remediation service	12	69	\$1,697,862
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	5	88	\$2,701,774	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	29	343	\$7,805,734
Primary metal manufacturing	7	216	\$9,815,572	HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	304	4056	\$128,496,123
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	30	114	\$3,425,949	Ambulatory health care services	203	1313	\$53,625,930
Computer and electronic product mfg	4	36	\$1,125,404	Hospitals	3	1426	\$50,243,437
Furniture and related product mfg	24	92	\$2,589,770	Nursing and residential care facilities	21	893	\$18,796,486
Miscellaneous manufacturing	17	34	\$615,551	Social assistance	78	424	\$5,830,270
WHOLESALE TRADE	121	850	\$26,447,940	ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	115	1054	\$14,447,380
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	70	463	\$14,940,889	Performing arts and spectator sports	19	87	\$1,493,484
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	33	339	\$9,724,142	Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	5	18	\$185,368
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	18	48	\$1,782,909	Amusements, gambling, and recreation	90	949	\$12,768,528
RETAIL TRADE	534	5551	\$122,288,481	ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	324	4365	\$53,902,598
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	64	660	\$22,237,971	Accommodation	76	1235	\$20,340,803
Furniture and home furnishings stores	44	271	\$6,228,708	Food services and drinking places	248	3130	\$33,561,795
Electronics and appliance stores	35	224	\$5,819,603	OTHER SERVICES	317	1395	\$25,179,770
Building material & garden supply stores	64	723	\$18,734,131	Repair and maintenance	111	454	\$11,550,980
Food and beverage stores	37	1036	\$20,269,216	Personal and laundry services	50	237	\$3,361,988
Health and personal care stores	32	194	\$5,852,797	Membership associations & organizations	118	638	\$8,896,543
Gasoline stations	43	485	\$8,537,012	Private households	39	66	\$1,370,259
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	46	241	\$3,149,069	TOTAL GOVERNMENT	115	4482	\$149,635,903
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	50	370	\$6,072,336	Local Government	58	3030	\$91,035,302
General merchandise stores	14	900	\$17,524,395	State Government	18	555	\$18,077,862
Miscellaneous store retailers	88	347	\$5,508,520	Federal Government	39	897	\$40,522,739
Nonstore retailers	19	102	\$2,354,723				

*This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) *This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.